



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK: MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST – BEARING WITNESS – SPEAK AND ACT BOLDLY<sup>i</sup>

Summer vacation time is rapidly slipping away. Stores are filled with Back to School item specials. Church educators are assembling teaching teams, ordering curriculum and making all sorts of plans for a celebration of opening new classes and experiences for Fall Church School.

Each year the Conference Nurture Team and Christian Educators Fellowship urge each church to participate in the Christian Education Sunday Fund (CESF) offering. Money from this offering goes into an account where it is used for grants for a variety of things. Here are some of the ways it has been used in the past year supporting training, start up ministries and so forth to enhance and revitalize educational, worship and stewardship ministries across the conference.

- A grant toward one educator's expenses to the National Christian Educators Fellowship Conference in Albuquerque, October 2008
- Networking event for Christian Educators at Suttle Lake, August 2008

In past years the fund has supported

- First year of a local church day camp
- Scholarships to a national camping event
- Start up money for a new music camp, and much more. . .

Is your church wanting to start up a new ministry with neighborhood children, with young adults, a new worship style? These are the kinds of needs that can be supported by CESF dollars. Contact Scott Harkness at [scott@umoi.org](mailto:scott@umoi.org) for an application

Won't you help continue this fund? **One dollar from each person in attendance on the Sunday of the offering would provide an abundance of resources to support excellence in Christian Education in Oregon and Idaho churches.** Your offering should be sent to the Conference Treasurer and marked for "Christian Education Sunday Fund." Every cent of this offering stays in the conference!

Along with this letter are a bulletin insert and a template to make labels (Avery 5163) to use on recycled offering envelopes.

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<sup>i</sup>\* Resources are available for Christian Education Week celebrations (including the graphic above and more) at [www.gbod.org](http://www.gbod.org) first click on Christian Education in the left side bar and then on Christian Education Week 2008 under What's New.